

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A solid composition, comprising:  
fragments of a fiber crop having high oil absorbency and one or more agricultural chemicals,  
wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is a liquid at room temperature or a solution or dispersion in a liquid solvent,  
the oil absorption capacity of said fragments is 100 or more, and  
the agricultural chemicals or the dispersed or dissolved agricultural chemicals are oils.

Claim 2 (Cancelled).

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the fragments are obtained by chopping, crushing or pulverizing the fiber crop.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the fragments are derived from crushed trunk fragment of kenaf of the genus *Confederate* rose in the Hollyhock family.

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the solid composition comprises 1 to 95 parts by weight of fragments of fiber crop and 0.1 to 70 parts by weight of the agricultural chemicals.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein the solid composition is wrapped with a water-soluble film or a water-dispersible film.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 7, wherein the water-soluble film comprises a polyvinyl alcohol.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): A method of preparing the solid agricultural composition of claim 1, comprising:

impregnating fragments of a fiber crop having high oil absorbency with one or more agricultural chemicals, wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is a liquid at room temperature or a solution or dispersion in a liquid solvent; and then

making the impregnated fragments into a shape of powder, granule or tablet.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 9, further comprising:

wrapping the solid agricultural composition with a water-soluble film.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): A method, comprising:

applying the solid composition according to claim 1 into a submerged paddy field, a farm, a facility, or a non-cultivated area.

Claims 12-13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 11, wherein the solid composition is wrapped with a water-soluble film or a water-dispersible film.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is liquid at room temperature.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the agricultural chemicals is a solution or dispersion in a liquid solvent.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 4, wherein the genus Confederate rose in the Hollyhock family is *Hibiscus cannabinus* Linn. or *Hibiscus Sabdariffa* Linn.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 2, wherein the fragments are obtained by chopping, crushing or pulverizing the fiber crop.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The solid composition according to claim 2, wherein the fragments are derived from crushed trunk fragment of kenaf of the genus Confederate rose in the Hollyhock family.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): A method comprising:  
applying the solid composition according to claim 2 into a submerged paddy field, a farm, a facility, or a non-cultivated area.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method of Claim 20, wherein the solid composition is wrapped with a water-soluble film or a water-dispersible film.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the solid composition is in the form of a powder or granulate and the particle size of the fragments is 0.2 mm or less.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the particle size of the fragments is 0.2 mm or less.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The composition of Claim 1, wherein the particle size of the fragments is 0.05 mm or less.